

CUSTOMS BARRIERS HALT ALL FOREIGN TRADE WITH SOVIET

Removal of Duties Would Be
Great Stimulus to Russian
Development.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2.—(By Mail.)—American and other men to whom the correspondent talked during an eight months' stay just completed in Russia declared that business could be done with Russians provided the Soviet government would take down all its customs barriers and permit free trade with the outside world in the same sense that it now permits free trade inside Russia.

The problem which is interesting business men all over the world seems to hinge on the attitude of the Communists. Up to now they have insisted that all foreign trade must pass through their hands. This is partly a matter of politics and partly a matter of personal compensation. They wish to keep all the power in their hands in order to maintain themselves.

The Communists are in a decided dilemma. If they insist on controlling foreign trade, they fear that Russia is doomed. If they surrender their power and Russia is saved, they believe they will be slowly shamed.

A second condition outlined to the correspondent by these business men of the old regime in Russia is a quick and absolute return to private property. There are widespread indications that, by the force of circumstances, private property will be recognized in every part of Russia. A Moscow decree to that effect has been expected for many months.

The question of guarantees is another point that is constantly raised in connection with doing business with Soviet Russia. And business men say that this is one of the chances that foreigners must take if they wish to do business with Russia. There is no doubt at the present time that the Soviet officials are in a frame of mind to try to uphold any guarantees they give.

The Italians in Constantinople versed in the Black Sea trade have been doing a certain amount of business every year but they find it very difficult. One of the members of the Italian embassy in Constantinople complains that whenever Italian cargo "at into Russia it always means the intervention of diplomatic agents backed by warships before the final sale was made.

Admiral Mark L. Bristol, United States high commissioner here, has claimed for years that if Americans go boldly into Russia and into Turkey they will profit by their investments in the end.

When you say clears—say Dutch Masters. 111-11

Drama of Alaska To Be Presented Here This Week

"The Barrier," by Rex Beach,
to Feature Fifth Week of
Oliver Players.

"The Barrier," which opens tomorrow at the Oliver theater, will begin the fifth week of the Oliver Players. This drama, a Rex Beach story of Alaska, is unlike anything the players have produced. It was originally played with Theodore Roberts and William Hart in the two leading roles.

An interesting fact about this production is that the four principal parts will be played by people who have had an opportunity to study Alaska and the Indians first hand.

Mr. Glenn Coulter, who plays the part originally acted by William S. Hart, visited Alaska three years ago. Much of the life of the pioneer days, had vanished, but he found in the interior the exact conditions pictured in "The Barrier."

Mr. Edwin Felix Burnham visited Alaska in the days of the gold rush. "It was a wild country in those days," says Mr. Burnham who plays the role made famous by Theodore Roberts. "The theater was little more than a big shed with a platform for a stage. Men that made up the audience sat on long benches made of rough planks. They came into the so-called theater wet and heavy with drinking, and lounged about on those crude benches, almost defying the actors to amuse them. Once you got their sympathy though, they applauded and shouted so you couldn't mistake their approval. We played Nome, which in those days was just a big trading post, of rude shacks. But gold was plentiful, and those men were anxious to spend it.

Studied Type.

Miss Besse Dainty, who makes her appearance in "The Barrier" as an Indian girl of education says that she made a special study of this type at the Rena, Okla. college, when she acted the same role in Arizona. Miss Haller, who also played this drama in the far west, studied the Indians on their reservations, making notes of the little peculiarities which make the acting of a type convincing.

The prediction of "Fair and Warmer" issued by the Oliver theater management is proving true. The comedy has been a signal success for the Oliver Players, and today's afternoon and evening performance will finish the week with a flourish. The comedy is in itself extremely funny, the players have added new touches to almost every line, and the result is the best farce Mr. Glenn Coulter has yet produced.

SOME HOG, SOME STALL.
ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., April 22.—A specially constructed stall had to be built for one hog recently shipped from here by W. J. Darst, a farmer, of Dexter. This particular piece of Kansas pork tipped the scales at 940 pounds, nearly half a ton. The porker was three years old.

BRITISH ABANDON GREAT ARMY DUMP

El Kantara, Egyptian Base,
Has Now Reverted to Des-
ert Wilderness.

CAIRO, April 1.—(By Mail.)—What was once considered the greatest military dump in the world, El Kantara, the British army base on the east side of the Suez Canal, has now almost entirely reverted to the wilderness of sand and silence whence it rose. Its passing marks the demise of one of the most important "war baby" soldier cities.

In 1914 El Kantara was merely the name of a "place" on the Suez Canal, 45 minutes by train from Port Said. With the beginning of the Palestine campaign, the transformation began. Pioneers, engineers and army service corps attachments mapped out a town.

There were erected enclosures for cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, fodder, for great guns and small lumber carts. Later there appeared enclosures for prisoners and the miscellany of canteens, contractors' huts, officers' quarters and barracks that made up a great war center.

When the armistice was signed, El Kantara's stores included quantities of every appliance of war. Its dismantling began in 1920. Contractors rushed in and secured great bargains. Gradually the vast accumulation dwindled until a few days ago, the disposal board finished its work and the site was handed over to the Egyptian labor corps—a delapidated, empty hulk.

Business Versus Comfort, Opinion Regarding Coats

Business Leaders Voice At-
titude Toward Wife on
Warm Summer Day.

Do you work with your coat on or off?

If you keep it on you're probably married. If you take it off you probably believe comfort comes before looks.

At least that's the conclusion which can be drawn from the statements of South Bend business executives who attempt to solve the question of coats vs. shirt sleeve efficiency.

"If you were a married man your wife would soon tell you which is best," returned Eugene Miller, president of the American Trust company, when the question was put to him. "Wives are concerned about shirt cuffs. I always keep my coat on because it is more polite, especially in my line of business."

Erskine Likes Comfort.

But then consider what A. R. Erskine of the Studebaker corporation has to say in defense of shirt sleeves:

"I believe in comfort. I can't see how anyone can work with a coat on in the summer time. We used to have a rule that office men could not remove their coats but that has been abolished."

David Pollock, works manager of the Singer Manufacturing Co., agrees with Mr. Erskine as does Walter A. Weed, sales manager of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works.

"When you play golf you've got to have a nice easy pair of shoes to get along," says Mr. Pollock, "and similarly, you must be comfortable in business. I always take my coat off in the summer time."

"Comfort comes before looks," declares Mr. Weed. "Men are most efficient when they are comfortable. Of course, it's best to leave your coat on in the winter time."

On the other hand, C. Frederick Cunningham, secretary and works manager of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works, believes you should keep your coat on.

"I work with my coat on. It's all right to take your coat off on the golf course, but similar action in business does not make for efficiency."

French Army Will Not Have Khaki for 10 Years

PARIS, April 12.—(By Mail.)—It will require ten years to clothe all the French troops in khaki despite the efforts of the higher council of war to equip all branches of the French army with uniforms of that color as quickly as possible.

The delay is due to the fact that

the ministry of war has enough horizon blue and steel gray cloth on hand to equip some branches of the service for ten years and those stocks must be used up before khaki can be adopted. Therefore the home troops must continue to wear horizon blue and the unmounted chasseurs steel gray while colonial and African troops will at once receive khaki uniforms.

Madame Swarts Reopens Beauty Parlor Saturday

Large numbers of interested customers attended the opening of the new Madame Swarts beauty parlor on the fourth floor of the Brandon Durrell Co. store Saturday. Since the fire at the store in February destroyed all equipment, the work of the beauty parlor has been carried on in a room connected with the office of the company, but with the installation of new equipment and the redecoration of the whole floor, business was resumed in the old quarters Saturday.

A very attractive and convenient arrangement of the booths results

in the complete comfort of the customer. All the decorations are carried out in green and white, and new furniture has been secured from New York, Chicago and St. Louis.

Saturday the parlor was decorated with cut flowers. Two small girls in George and Martha Washington costumes greeted visitors at the door and the attendants were dressed in white and wore Martha Washington coiffures. Souvenirs, celluloid shopping lists and miniature mannequins sets were distributed.

Everything in the way of beauty culture may be had at the parlor, according to Madame Swarts, and a complete line of hair goods, toilet articles and novelties will be carried.

W. E. Fuller, a son of Madame Swarts, and his wife, of Boston, Mass., were in the city to attend the opening of the shop.

NEW BOTANIC GARDEN FOR NATION PROPOSED

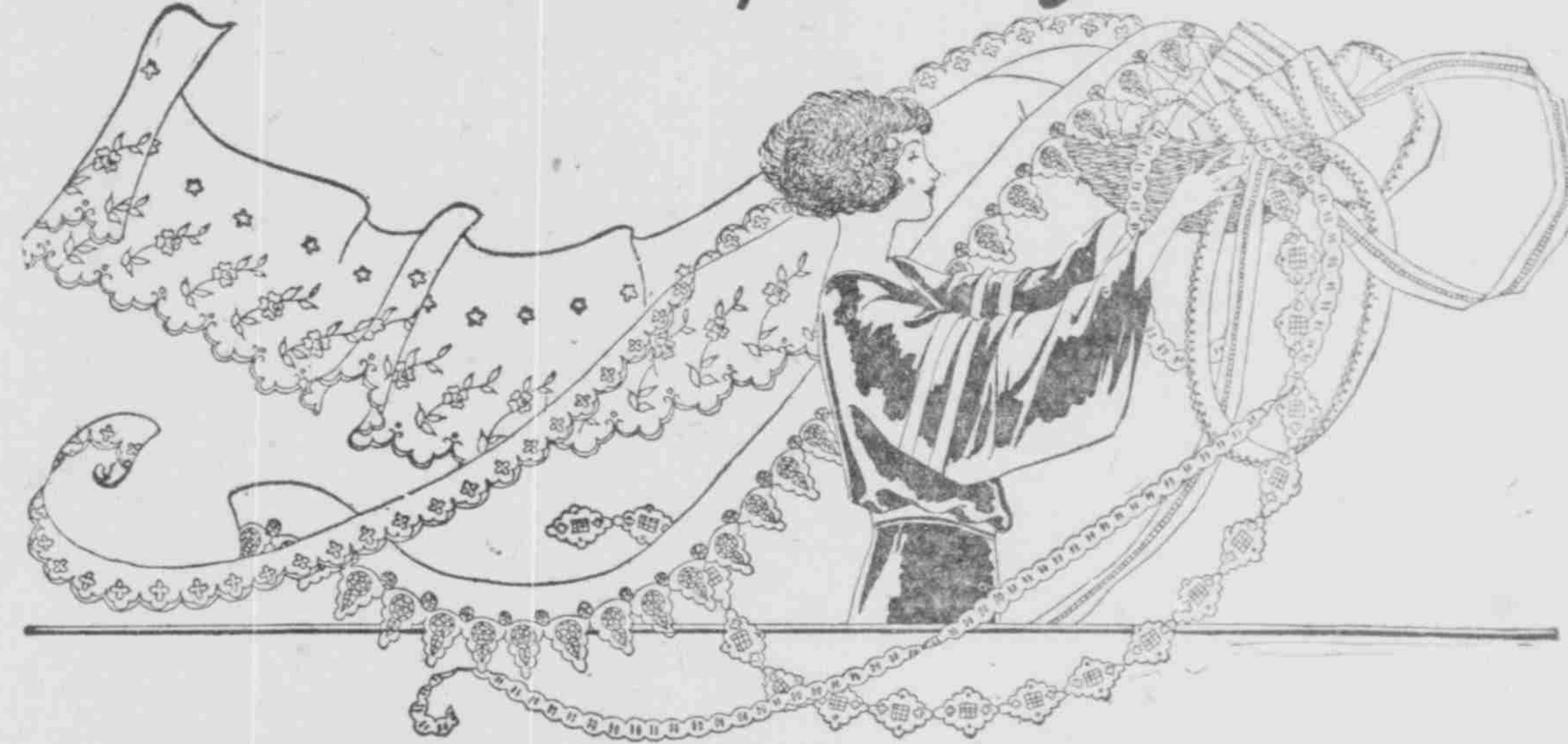
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Plans for a new National Botanic Garden in the nation's capital are being pressed forward under the direction of a congressional committee headed by Sen. Ransdell, of Louisiana.

Leut.-Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, officer in charge of public buildings and grounds and executive officer of the Fine Arts commission, has announced a joint conference of senators and house members, who would handle the necessary legislation, that he is ready to turn over to the Botanic Garden the requisite land already owned by the government. Plans for the extension of the Botanic Garden are ambitiously intended to make it the greatest Botanic Garden in the world and to so situate it in the architectural layout of the national capital as to make it renowned as well for its appearance as for what it contains. The plans include the laying out of a parkway from the Union depot to the national capitol. Under the plans of Architect Woods the main portion of the Botanic Garden would be artistically placed between the Washington Navy yard and the Army War college.

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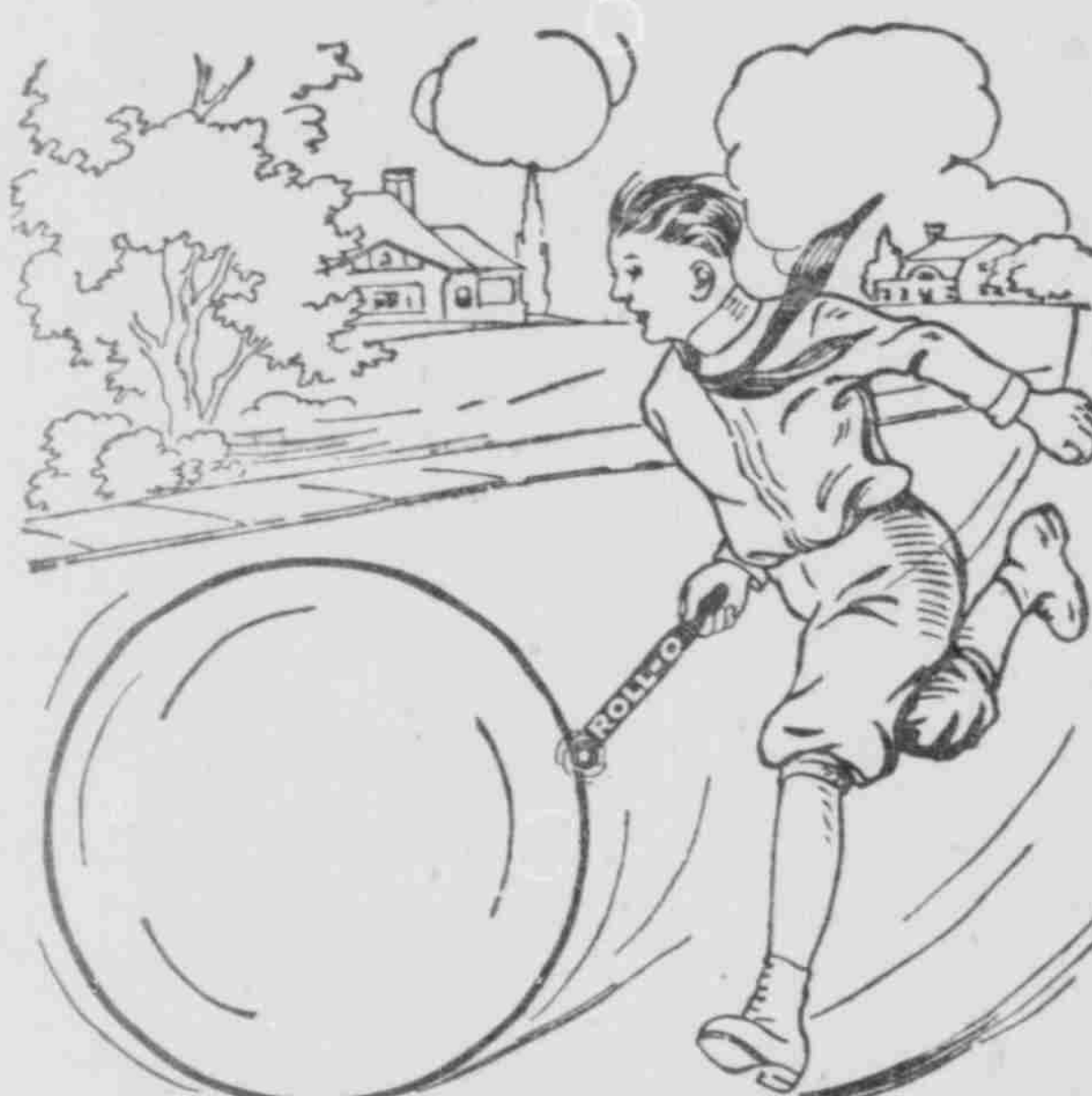
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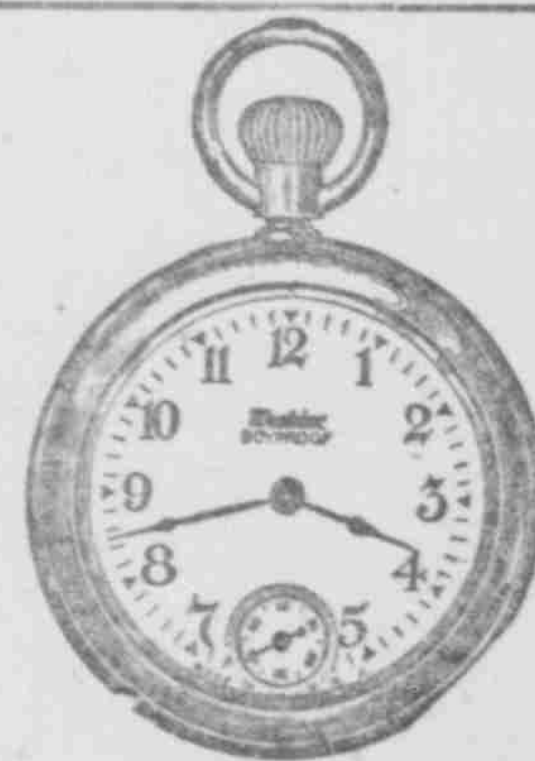


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